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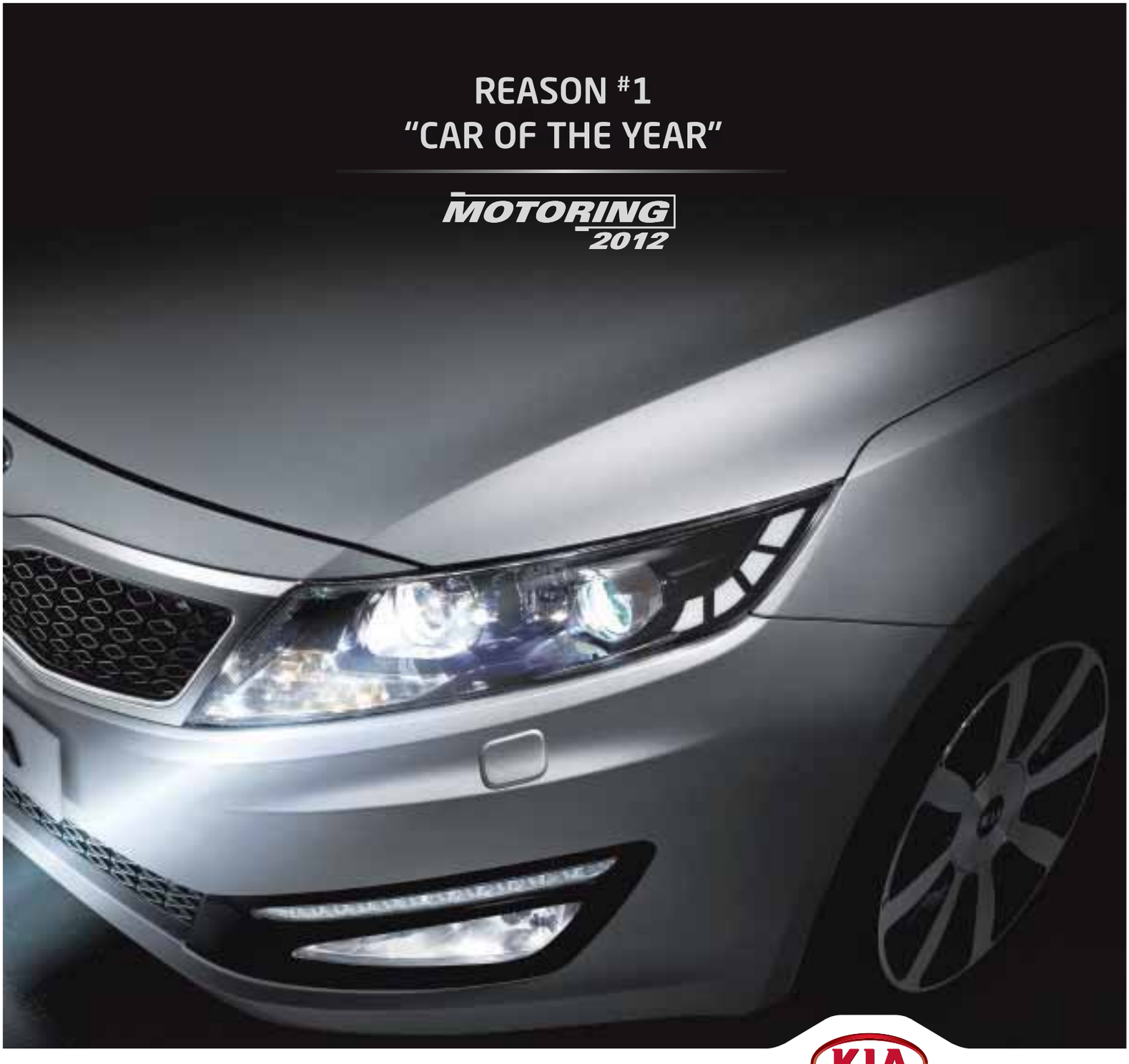

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Flood forecast dries up

Unless Manitoba sees severe weather, any flooding will be minimal and localized

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The 2012 spring flood outlook should have Manitobans exhaling with relief.

"Spring flood potential, at this time, remains low for the Red and Souris rivers, moderate on the Pembina and Assiniboine rivers and in (the) southern Interlake," provincial flood forecaster Phillip Mutulu said at a Thursday press conference.

Southern Manitoba has low soil moisture levels, Mutulu said, and most major rivers are lower than this time last year.

Expect no flooding with favourable or average weather, he said, and, even with unfavourable weather, flooding should be minor and localized. Westman and The Pas regions got the same outlook, though soil in the rest of northern Manitoba was "pretty wet at the time of freeze-up," and minor to moderate localized flooding is expected.

Steve Topping, executive director for Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation, said Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin, at 813 and 802 feet respectively, are about four feet below last summer's crest and continue to drop.

Risk of flooding from ice jams on the Red is also down, Topping said, due to thinner ice and three amphibexes already at work.

Infrastructure and transportation minister Steve Ashton said although the outlook is good, many areas of the province are still in flood stage.

"We still have 2,700 evacuees ... particularly around Lake Manitoba (and) Lake St. Martin," Ashton said.

More than $500 million in flood assistance has been spent, he said, with final projections expected to reach $815 million — about triple the 1997 figure.

The 2012 flood outlook can be found at manitoba.ca/flooding.

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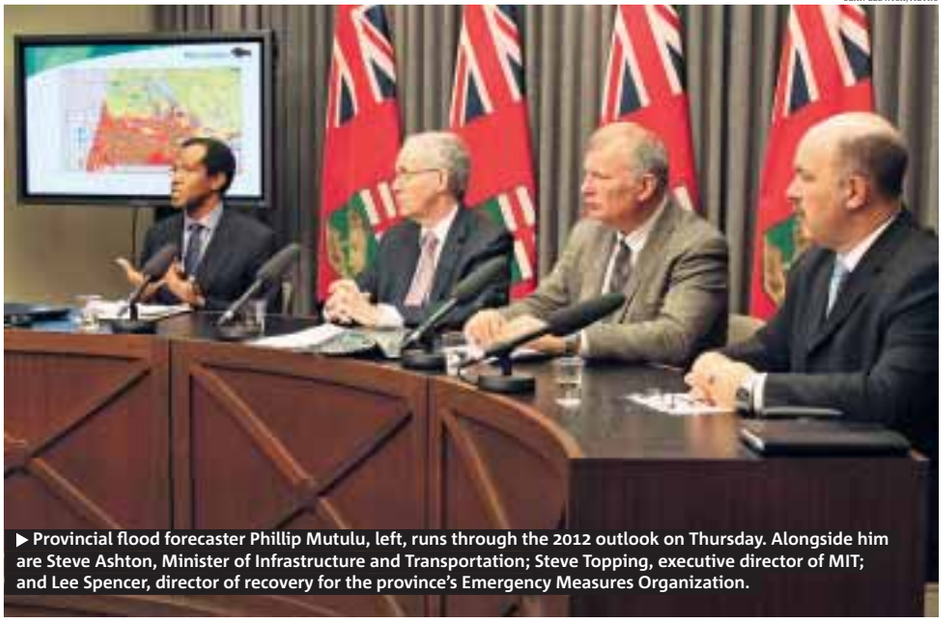

▶ Provincial flood forecaster Phillip Mutulu, left, runs through the 2012 outlook on Thursday. Alongside him are Steve Ashton, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation; Steve Topping, executive director of MIT; and Lee Spencer, director of recovery for the province's Emergency Measures Organization.

A new normal?

- The 2012 flood outlook looks good, but Steve Ashton said climate change has increased the chances of severe storms.
- "Talk to scientists, climatologists ... everybody is saying ... climate change is happening, and it means more instability of weather," Ashton said.
- "One significant storm, virtually anywhere in the province, and we could see some very significant flooding. That's the reality."
- Steve Topping said weather extremes make the game of prediction and preparation more complex.
- "We need to prepare for both scenarios, both the drought scenario and also the flood scenario ... you can't count on anything."
- Phillip Mutulu said long-term weather models show some risk of heavy storms in April and May, but overall precipitation levels should be near-normal.

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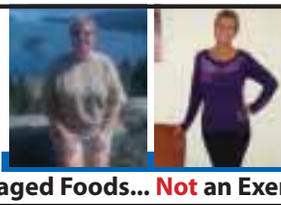
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Searching for a reality love

The Bachelor Canada makes a stop in Winnipeg Single ladies vie for spot on new reality show

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Eligible bachelorettes from all over the province were in Winnipeg Thursday trying out for the chance to find love on the debut season of The Bachelor Canada.

"This is Winnipeg, it's beautiful here, so of course we'll find a few (bachelorettes) here," said the show's casting director Heather Muir before spending the day interviewing perspective bachelorettes. "When it comes down to it, I'm looking for someone who is sincere in their search for love and whose personality really sparkles."

The Bachelor Canada is the Canadian version of the popular reality show currently in its 16th season in the United States. Throughout the nine episodes, viewers will see 25 women compete for the heart of an eligible bachelor who will eliminate the ladies one at a time until he settles on his sweetheart.

Hannah Jones, 20, of Winnipeg, was one of the hopeful bachelorettes who made it down to the Hotel Fort Gary to try out for the show.

"I've been burned a bit in the past and I thought, why not give this a try," she explained. "I'm hoping to find someone that I can spend the rest of my life with."

Producers began the whirlwind, cross-country search for bachelorettes in Vancouver on Sunday and they will hold auditions in Toronto, Montreal and Halifax over the next five days.

Anyone who missed the auditions can still apply online at citytv.com/bachelorcanada.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

▶ Hannah Jones, 20, of Winnipeg, auditioned for a spot on The Bachelor Canada, which will debut on Citytv this fall.

United Way hits target

The United Way of Winnipeg announced Wednesday night that it hit its target fundraising goal for 2011.

United Way Campaign 2011 chair Edward Kennedy told a crowd of about 700 people the campaign reached its target of $19.7 million, thanks in part to a last-minute surge from generous 'Peggers when it looked like the charity might not make it.

100 Money raised goes to more than 100 local programs, most of them aimed at youth in the community.

Earlier this year, United Way spokesperson Scott Sime told Metro Winnipeg the campaign was about $45,000 short of its goal.

"We don't really have a hard and fast ending date for our yearly campaign," Sime said in January, adding they had raised more money than last year's campaign of $18.8 million.

"We did set an ambitious goal."

ELISHA DACEY

News in brief

Police warn of predator

Police are warning the public after a man tried to force a 17-year-old girl into his vehicle. The victim was walking in the area of Main Street and Mountain Avenue around 2 p.m. when a car pulled up beside her. The driver engaged the young woman in a conversation before grabbing her by the arm and attempting to pull her toward the vehicle. METRO

Three charged in stolen tickets case

Three suspects are charged in a case that saw six separate victims pay a total of $4,240 for stolen Jets tickets. METRO

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Researchers have tagged a killer whale belonging to a group classified as endangered in the U.S. Scan code for story.

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Healing with words

School project leads to a published book about a Winnipeg fire that killed two firefighters ◗ Money raised goes to the Firefighters Burn Fund

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▶ Red River College journalism student Lindsey Enns with her new book, Black Fire. It tells the story of a tragic Winnipeg blaze that killed two veteran firefighters five years ago.

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A new book being launched this weekend by a Winnipeg journalism student sheds light on a tragic house fire that took the lives of two veteran WFPS captains five years ago.

Tom Nichols and Harold Lessard were killed and four other firefighters were injured when they became trapped in what is known as a black fire on the second floor of a burning home on Gabrielle Roy Place in February 2007.

"A black fire is basically a firefighter's worst nightmare and there's literally nothing that they can do to prepare themselves for it," says author Lindsey Enns, 23, who wrote Black Fire as part of a year-long school project required to graduate from the creative communications program at Red River College. "It's an extreme intense heat … and I don't think there's anything that they would have been able to do.

"It's just too bad that they were all inside that house at that time."

Enns started her project last June, interviewing many of the firefighters who were in the building that night and others linked to the story.

The tragedy is one close to Enns' heart because her father is also a captain with the WFPS and was originally supposed to be at the fire that killed his comrades.

"He was sent to a different shift instead, but if he had have been at the fire that night, as a captain, he would have been inside," she said.

Enns hopes her book will remind people of just how dangerous firefighting is.

"It's not just a job, they risk their lives every day just to help people," she said. "I hope this helps the people who were affected by the fire through the healing process."

Five hundred copies of the sixty-page book were printed by Kromar Printing Ltd., which waived the nearly $4,000 cost so all sales could be donated to the Firefighters Burn Fund.

Enns will hold a book launch at the Fire Fighters Museum of Winnipeg at 56 Maple St. from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The book is selling for $20 and copies can be purchased by emailing enns.lindsey@gmail.com.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

▶ This home was damaged on Chernichan Drive Thursday.

No injuries in home fire

No one was hurt after a massive fire ripped through a home in River East Thursday morning.

Damage was estimated at $315,000 to a home on Chernichan Drive after the fire broke out at about 5:30 a.m. That doesn't include about $100,000 in damage to the contents of the home, a vehicle and a neighbour's garage.

Firefighters had the fire put out by 7:30 a.m.

The investigation continues, though police say the fire may have started in the garage and does not appear to be suspicious. METRO

Jets brew to make its debut

Jets enthusiasts who like their Budweiser can now hold the "pride, passion and energy" of Winnipeg fans in their hands — while supplies last.

The Budweiser Winnipeg Jets Fan Brew is now available at Tavern United before and after Jets games, and will go on sale to the general public Monday.

Dan Chubey, district sales manager with Labatt Breweries, which makes Budweiser in Canada, says this is the first time they've done something this targeted before.

The brew was made from water collected from various iconic spots and poured into large containers. Those containers were then taken around Winnipeg to be "blessed" by Jets fans by pouring their good thoughts and energy into the water.

The water was then shipped to Edmonton where it was brewed into 24,000 12-pack cases of Winnipeg Jets Fan Brew.

The beer will go on sale at MLCC locations. Chubey said he expects the beer to sell fast. ELISHA DACEY

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CONSERVATION CENTRE

Bear cub finds home

▶ The bear cub saved by Manitoba Conservation.

The first formal occupant of the International Polar Bear Conservation Centre may not be a white bear, but she's still fuzzy and cute.

A black bear cub, rescued in the Whiteshell area and turned over to Manitoba Conservation, is currently calling the centre home. She is about one year old.

Tim Sinclair-Smith, director of zoological operations for the Assiniboine Park Zoo, where the centre is located, says while the centre will focus on polar bears, since there are currently no polar bears in residence, they were happy to take the cub as a special request.

She will eventually be transitioned to another accredited Zoo. ELISHA DACEY

James to learn his fate in March

Disgraced hockey coach Graham James will have to wait a month to find out if his years of sexually abusing two former NHLers will net him more jail time.

James made an apology to Thereon Fleury and Todd Holt in a Winnipeg courtroom Wednesday for years of sexual abuse while the two players were under his wing.

Justice Catherine Carlson reserved her decision to March 20. METRO

Correction

Re: Feb. 23, The multiplicity of metal, page 10

Due to an error, the incorrect Backstage Pass column was printed and posted online.

The full column, including details on this weekend's Manitoba MetalFest, can be found at metronews.ca/winnipeg.

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Harper denies campaign 'dirty tricks'

Opposition likens tactics to Nixon and Watergate
Liberals say phone calls may have cost them seats

Prime Minister Stephen Harper insists the Conservative party had nothing to do with a campaign of "dirty tricks" aimed at discouraging opposition supporters from voting in last spring's election.

But New Democrats and Liberals say that given his party's history of illegal or questionable campaign tactics, they aren't buying it.

They say the latest revelations are more proof that the Conservatives have systematically cheated and subverted the democratic process in order to win elections.

They're equating the matter to the notorious Watergate scandal that toppled U.S. President Richard Nixon and they're demanding a full criminal investigation.

New Democrat MP Pat Martin predicted the magnitude of the scam "will be enough to make Richard Nixon blush."

Robocalls

- The robocalls falsely advised voters that Elections Canada had changed the location of their polling stations.
- In other instances, voters received harassing late-night or early-morning calls that purported to be from an opposition campaign office.

The opposition charges came Thursday after a company that did campaign work for Conservatives, including Harper, was linked to harassing or misleading automated phone calls received by voters in some 18 hotly contested ridings just prior to the May 2 election.

The RCMP refused to confirm or deny it is part of an investigation, but said it may work with government departments or agencies if it is asked.

For his part, Harper denied any knowledge of the scams.

"I have absolutely no knowledge on anything about these calls but, obviously, if there's anyone who has done anything wrong, we expect that they will face the full consequences of the law," he told reporters during a visit to Iqaluit.

Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae said "the whole messy, tangled web" needs to be investigated. And he laid the blame for all of it squarely on Harper.

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▶ Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae wants an investigation of "the whole messy, tangled web."

"What this suggests is a deeply troubling pattern of dirty tricks and systematic attempts to subvert the democratic process," Rae said in an email.

"A party whose entire approach to politics is negative ... is responsible for a toxic and poisonous political culture. It's in this culture that dirty tricks thrive. Richard Nixon gave birth to Donald Segretti. Mr. Harper gives birth to these tricks as well. The fish rots from the head."

Segretti was a dirty-tricks specialist in the infamous 1972 Nixon campaign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Stepmom accused in child's death

- Girl dies after being forced to run for three hours
- District attorney may pursue capital murder charges

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▶ Accused: Joyce Hardin Garrard, left, and Jessica Mae Hardin

An Alabama woman is under guard at a hospital after she gave birth following her arrest in the death of her nine-year-old stepdaughter, who authorities say was forced to run for three hours as punishment for lying about eating a candy bar.

Jessica Mae Hardin, 27, was transferred from the Etowah County Detention Center to a hospital on Wednesday, sheriff's office spokeswoman Natalie Barton said.

Hardin and her mother-in-law, 46-year-old Joyce Hardin Garrard, were arrested and charged with murder on Wednesday in the death of Savannah Hardin.

Savannah had a bladder condition that meant she shouldn't have chocolate because of the caffeine content, said Etowah County District Attorney Jimmie Harp. He said there is no evidence that the condition contributed to her death.

Authorities say Savannah was forced to run in the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 17. At around 6:45 p.m. Jessica called 911, telling dispatchers Savannah was having a seizure and was unresponsive.

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▶ Savannah Hardin

Drunk dad gets probation

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▶ Shawn Weimer

A U.S. man who allowed his nine-year-old daughter to drive him around because he had been drinking was sentenced Thursday to two years of probation.

Shawn Weimer pleaded guilty in December to second-degree child abuse and allowing an unlicensed minor to operate a motor vehicle. He pleaded guilty on the condition he'd receive no jail time.

Weimer was arrested Oct. 8 when police pulled over his van and found his daughter behind the wheel.

Weimer said he made a mistake in asking his daughter to drive, but that he had been thinking about how he used to drive at his family's farm and junkyard when he was her age. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Feds dole out $27M for adult education in North

PM to boost employment skills for high school dropouts in Arctic ◐ Critics say more money needed

Prime Minister Stephen Harper flew to a frigid Iqaluit to deliver $27 million for adult education in the North, an attempt to help high-school dropouts qualify for jobs.

The money will be spread over five years, and shared by three colleges, one in each of the territories.

"By improving access to adult basic education, we are giving Northerners the tools they need to seek higher education and secure employment in sectors that contribute to Canada's economic growth," Harper said in a statement.

Part of the funding was announced in last June's budget, which put $9 million over two years to adult basic education. Thursday's announcement extends the funding time frame and increases the annual allotment slightly.

Harper has frequently stressed that education levels among aboriginal peoples need to improve if they are ever to find prosperity. But he is under intense pressure from native leaders to ante up serious money.

That pressure may have persuaded Harper to spend a day at a short news conference and a photo op on the ice at -26 C.

Back in the south, the Liberal aboriginal affairs critic called Harper's announcement paltry compared to the needs of the North.

"The prime minister's drive-by announcement today provided nowhere near the kind of resources for education, social housing, mental health, drug treatment and food security desperately needed in the north in order to improve the health, education and well-being of northern Canadians," MP Carolyn Bennett said in a release.

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper bundles up in a parka as he tours Frobisher Bay in Iqaluit on Thursday.

By the numbers

- **Inuit Tapiriit Kapanami**, a non-profit group, has estimated that only a quarter of Inuit students finish high school.
- **The 2006 census** suggests the level is about half that. Regardless, the graduation rate is drastically lower than that of the rest of the population.
- **Nunavut Arctic College** is receiving $11 million of the funding. Yukon College is getting $300,000 so far and can apply for more over the coming five years. And Aurora College is getting $620,000 with the potential for more.

Alberta parents of mauled newborn baby speak out

An Alberta couple whose pet husky killed their two-day-old baby says all the dogs in the home went through training and obedience classes.

Rob and Rhonda Fradette said in a news release Thursday that they also attended seminars by the Calgary Humane Society, before bringing the baby home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judges, ex-Tory MP among those decrying crime bill

A group including a victims' advocate, two retired judges and an ex-Conservative MP say Canadians will be more fearful and less safe five years from now under criminal justice changes being made by the Harper government.

The bill is in the final stages of being approved.

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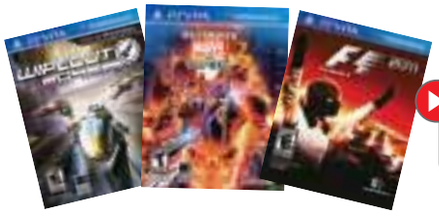

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AFGHAN RIOTS

Obama apologizes for Qur'an burning

President Barack Obama apologized Thursday for the burning of copies of the Muslim holy book at a U.S. military base this week, as violent protests raging nationwide led a man dressed in an Afghan army uniform to kill two U.S. troops.

The Afghans' furious response to the Qur'an burning — three days of riots in several cities — reflected the anger at what they perceive as foreign forces' disrespect for Afghan laws and culture.

In a letter sent to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Obama expressed his "regret and apologies over the incident in which religious materials were unintentionally mishandled," a White House spokesman said.

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7 marines killed in night training exercise

- Crash follows several recent accidents involving marines in California
- Three killed in separate helicopter crashes at Camp Pendleton

Seven U.S. marines were killed when two helicopters collided in the California desert during night training exercises, the latest of several Marine Corps training accidents in the region.

"We're still gathering a lot of details as the sun comes up," said Lt. Maureen Dooley with the Miramar Air Base in California.

The crash happened around 8 p.m. Wednesday and involved an AH-1W Cobra that carried two crew members and a UH-1 Huey utility helicopter carrying five service members from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

It will be at least 24 hours before the marine corps releases the names of those killed.

The aircraft collided in a remote portion of the Yuma Training Range Complex.

The U.S. military and its allies train in the hot, desert area ringed by mountains because the conditions are similar to Iraq.

The AH-1W is considered the marine corps' main attack helicopter. The UH-1Y is replacing the aging version of the Huey utility helicopter first used during the Vietnam War.

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▶ This undated image provided by the U.S. Marine Corps shows a UH-1 Huey helicopter. One of the two helicopters involved in the crash was similar to this one.

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▶ Finance Minister Jim Flaherty answers questions from members of the media in Toronto on Thursday.

‘Draconian’ cuts not for us: Flaherty

Budget won’t follow Europe’s lead
Agencies still told to tighten belts

Ottawa will take a moderate approach to government cost-cutting in the budget instead of following in Europe’s austerity-driven footsteps, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Thursday.

“We are not one of the countries, many of them in Europe, that have run up deficits for a long period of time, accumulated substantial debt and must really act dramatically — some of them in a draconian way in order to get their house in order again,” Flaherty said.

The federal government grew as part of the Conservatives’ economic action plan during the global recession and “we will have to have some moderation of that,” he added.

Flaherty’s comments seemingly run counter to signals that he’s preparing a painful, cost-slashing budget next month. Government departments and agencies have been ordered to cut spending by up to 10 per cent. Few details of the cuts have been made public and the opposition parties are calling on the Conservatives to come clean about their plans to curb costs.

“You never quite know what their political game is. Possibly they’re trying to get everybody all frightened and thinking there’ll be massive cuts, and then if they just have moderate cuts, everybody will breathe a sigh of relief,” said Liberal Treasury Board critic John McCallum.

Flaherty dismissed the need for corporate tax hikes. He said once governments get spending under control they don’t have to raise taxes. The budget is also expected to issue a firm policy direction on old-age security centred around raising the retiree collection age. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court halts iPad proceeding

Lawyers say a Shanghai court has suspended proceedings in a lawsuit by a Chinese electronics maker against Apple Inc. over use of the iPad trademark in China.

The Guangdong High Court is due to hear an appeal by Apple on Feb. 29 against a lower-court decision that favoured Proview. Proview was seeking an injunction to stop Apple from selling iPads in Shanghai. The companies are feuding over whether Proview sold the rights to the mainland Chinese iPad trademark to Apple in a deal in 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Keystone pipeline inevitable: Governor

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▶ Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer at his office at the Montana legislature on Wednesday in Helena. He believes the Keystone XL pipeline will be started next year.

Montana’s governor says the Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta’s oilsands to the Gulf Coast will eventually be built, and he blames the delay on “jackasses” in Washington who have only recently discovered the issue.

“Ninety per cent of these jackasses that are complaining about the Keystone pipeline in Washington, D.C., one year ago wouldn’t have even known where the Keystone was,” said Gov. Brian Schweitzer, a Democrat.

The pipeline, which would extend an existing oil line that delivers crude to the U.S. Midwest, has become a major political flashpoint as U.S. President Barack Obama seeks re-election. A decision by the U.S. State Department was delayed until early 2013 to work out a new route. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canadians rely heavily on home value: B of C

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1 Priorities: Even in recession, our society manages to fund organizations like the Kinsey Institute's Condom Use Research Team (CURT). The Journal of Sexual Health recently published research that states, "Condom misuse is an epidemic." Kinsey's Richard Crosby went so far as to say, "We underestimate how complicated condom use can be." Really? Have we tried funding an organization that prevents dummies from having sex?

2 Roll up the RIM: This week RIM announced the launch of its BlackBerry PlayBook OS 2.0. It includes many things that should have been on the original, but they are still slightly behind their competitors, primarily pertaining to apps. My thought? How about an app that teaches people how to use a condom?

3 Sorry Charlie: Charlie Sheen wrote a letter to Ashton Kutcher, apologizing for recent "disrespectful" comments. Sheen's management stated, "Why is anyone still listening to Charlie?"

4 Auto child: Toronto couple Robbie and Esther Stern gave birth to a baby boy in the front seat of their Dodge Avenger. What happens now? Do they get free Dodges for life? Is the kid automatically born with a driver's licence? Free gas? Either way, it'll make a great ad: "Dodge Avenger: From one generation to the next!"

5 Wise-guy witness: After years of suspicion that organized-crime groups were controlling public-works contracts in Quebec, an inquiry has finally been launched. Now Quebec is asking the public to help gather evidence via anonymous email or toll-free phone calls. In unrelated news, the Canadian government has cut funding to the witness-protection program.

6 Dating for dummies: Canada is on the reality-show bandwagon: Canada's Got Talent airs next week, and auditions for The Bachelor Canada are underway. Next, I suggest a combo show wherein the bachelor actually chooses his companion based on her talent. Women can juggle, dance or sing (my money's on the contortionist). Hey, maybe they can finally find a partner for Susan Boyle.

7 Poetic justice: A fugitive, who had been convicted of 12 counts of sexual misconduct with a minor and who had appeared on America's Most Wanted, was arrested in Montreal upon returning from Venezuela. He lived in Vancouver for 10 years under an assumed Canadian identity. With a 169-year sentence looming, he probably felt he should take time off to travel. Let's hope he's imprisoned alongside other most-wanted criminals. That's something I'd pay to see.

8 Academy Awards: A word of advice for the Oscars. If you win the award for best short film, please ensure your speech is shorter than the actual project.

9 Here's lookin' at you, Kid: Native Montrealers lost an icon last week when Gary (The Kid) Carter passed away at age 57. In 2003 he became the first player to enter the Baseball Hall of Fame as an Expo. The bond between Carter and Montreal was so strong that, even after playing for three other teams, he returned for one final season in 1992. He will be dearly remembered, and forever missed. RIP.

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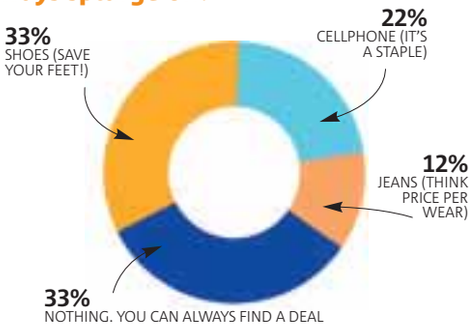

Local tweets

- **@sportsroad-trips:** I'm in Winnipeg waiting to attend a hockey game tonight, watching curling on TSN while it snows outside. Glad to see I am still Canadian.
- **@Jay_Boehmer:** I really hope Winnipeg makes the playoffs. Would love to hear the noise in that building.
- **@ryleighvaughan:** Winnipeg is so great until you slip on ice and fall into a pile of snow and remember why you decided to leave in the first place.
- **@LyFeLeSsOnZ:** I don't want to shovel no snow! #STOPIT but you know what Winnipeg? you've been good this year so I can't complain.
- **@steve_parry:** Walked by an unrolled tims cup lying on the ground. Took the time to see what's there and #boom $100 Tim's card. #rolluptherim
- **@AaronMacLennan:** I wish when you broke up with a girl they just magically disappeared.
- **@taylorbezan:** Turtles ice cream makes my sore throat so much better. #truelove

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Synopsis

- Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd play a big-city couple forced to downsize when he loses his job and her documentary is rejected by HBO. Forced to sell their apartment and faced with the prospect of working with his idiot brother, the pair go adopt a hippie lifestyle and move into a free love commune.

- **Ratings:**
Richard: ⊕⊕⊕⊕
Mark: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

HANDOUT

▶ In Wanderlust, Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston play a big-city couple who leaves it all behind to live in a commune.

Hippie hilarity

Wanderlust is the funniest movie since Bridesmaids, says Richard Crouse

The cast and script bring a freshness to the hippie satire

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN

Richard: Mark, Wanderlust is something we haven't seen for a while — a Jennifer Aniston movie that doesn't stink. In fact, it's really good. Great supporting cast, loads of laughs and a great hallucination scene. The only thing that stinks is the hippie hygiene. What did you think?

MB: Ah, but most Paul Rudd movies are pretty good. He has a great track record of choosing good scripts, and Aniston had the good sense to attach herself to it. This is really one of the funniest movies I've seen in a long time. I started laughing at the opening scene in the realtor's office and didn't stop for 90 minutes. It's smart, well-cast, timely, and I can't find any flaws. If you liked writer/director David Wain's offbeat, loopy work in The State or Wet Hot American Summer, you're going to love this picture.

RC: Agreed. I haven't laughed like that in a movie since Bridesmaids last year. Rudd dies a mirror pep talk scene that is raunchy, funny and kind of surreal. Speaking of surreal, the hallucination sequence is trippy and hilarious. I've seen loads of drug scenes in movies but this one made me feel high ... with laughter.

MB: The film feels like Martha Marcy May Marlene reimagined as a comedy with, yes, a Bridesmaids spirit. It's been a long while since we've seen a hippie commune satire, and it's long overdue. So much to like here — Alan Alda's acid-head paterfamilias, Malin Ackermann's love goddess, the nudist writer/winemaker, the boorish brother, his neglected trophy wife, and Justin Theroux as the cult leader lost in the '90s.

RC: I think the reason the movie works so well, aside from the very funny script, is that each of the characters you mentioned could have been the focus of the story and it still would have been a good movie. There isn't a character in the movie that feels extraneous. Also, I loved the uber hippie jokes. Where else would you find a placenta as soup stock joke?

MB: Saturday Night Live had a 'placenta helper' mock commercial some time ago that was heavily censored. But you're right – the movie gets the details right. It's an ayahuasca ceremony that they take part in, peyote being so ... 2003. And maybe that's the thrill of finally seeing Ms. Aniston in a comedy that's not only funny but original as well. She's been performing for focus groups far too long. Wanderlust may be a Hollywood movie, but it has an indie sensibility.

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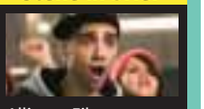
Scene in brief



Alliance Films says the City of Toronto has removed 38 Goon posters ahead of the hockey movie's release Friday. A spokeswoman for Alliance says the outdoor ads feature Goon star Jay Baruchel "gesturing in a way that the city believes is inappropriate." The poster in question reportedly featured Baruchel making a sexually suggestive sign with his tongue and fingers.

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Saturday, March 3 - 'Canadian Music Week' Battle Of The Bands Feat. Daily, Empty Standards, Giv'R, Legs, New Renaissance, Recovered, The Bokononists & The Sun Machine ... Adv.tix $10
Saturday, March 10 - The Bokononists, Sons Of York & They Say... $8 at the door
Mon, March 12 - Deicide(FL), Jungle Rot(WI), Abigail Williams(CA) & Lecherous Nocturne(SC) Adv.tix $25
Friday, March 16 - The Legion Of Liquor's St.Paddys Day Party w/ guests
Sat, March 17 - 'St.Patrick's Party' Feat. Split Lip Grin, When Planets Align, El Diablo & O.C.D. $10 at the door
Saturday, March 24 - Thumb, The Strap w/ guests
Wednesday, March 28 - Tyrants Demise, Abhorupt w/ guests
Friday, March 30 - Sixteen Eyes w/ Mindset Insanity
Saturday, March 31 - Malevolent Hand, Damascus, When Planets Align & Split Lip Grin ... $7 at the door
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It's party time

Project X director talks about his own days of partying Filming a bender isn't as fun as it seems

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When I sit down to talk to British director Nima Nourizadeh at the W Hotel in Hollywood, there's a tray full of liquor bottles and martini-making tools on the table between us. It's not even 10 in the morning.

HANDOUT

▶ Project X opens next Friday.

"Do you want a drink?" he offers, before joking, "This is the second tray they've brought me, by the way. I've already had one." That sense of humour makes him a perfect fit for Project X, his directorial debut, about a teenage house party that gets beyond out of control.

This movie looked like a lot of fun to make for the actors but a nightmare for the director.

I mean, honestly, it was one of the most challenging things that I've ever done. We had a short amount of time to shoot quite an insane movie. But it was like this controlled chaos, you know? It was a lot of fun, but you hit an age where you're just like, after one night of partying you just want to chill and watch TV. And for me it was like I had to keep the energy up for four and a half weeks of night shoots.

That'll take a toll on you.

It did. I had to stay in that schedule at the weekends as well. It was really quite an isolating experience for me. I came out here [from London] to shoot the movie, and for the time being I'm still here. I actually came out here to have a meeting, and I thought I'd be out here for a couple of weeks, and I never went back. Can you believe that? I didn't even have a send-off!

So how does the movie match up to your own party experiences?

I don't even know if I can even talk about it. (laughs) My party experiences tend to be I have an amazing time, and then I wake up. I literally wake up and I'm still at the party and no one else is there. That's happened to me loads of times.

Was there any concern about pulling back on content to get the R rating?

Me less than maybe the producers knew what we could and couldn't get away with. And on top of that we've got this realistic approach to the movie, so we have to touch on some things that maybe normally you wouldn't, like the drug use, some of the sex.

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Act of Valor

Genre: Action
Directors: Mike McCoy, Scott Waugh
Stars: Alex Veadov, Roselyn Sanchez

There's something simultaneously startling and uncomfortable about watching real-life Navy SEALS starring in a fictional action film based on their professional exploits: at times, Act of Valor feels like the live-action equivalent of a kid slamming his GI Joes together. The film is relatively well-made around its strange gimmick, and if it's unusually jingoistic by the standards of most post Iraq-war blockbusters, that's the whole idea: faulting the filmmakers for heroizing their subjects is sort of missing the point.

ADAM NAYMAN

Good Deeds

Genre: Comedy/Romance
Director: Tyler Perry
Stars: Tyler Perry, Gabrielle Union, Thandie Newton

Good Deeds will make you laugh, but you'll be laughing at it rather than with it. It may also make you cry, but they will be tears of frustration at a story so predictable it makes the See Spot Run books seem complex by comparison. Director Tyler Perry is not doing audiences a good deed by releasing his latest film, Good Deeds, in general release. The melodramatic story of a rich man (Tyler Perry) who learns about love and life from a woman (Thandie Newton) who works for him isn't just a bad movie, it's what I call a 'seatbelt movie;' a film so bad you'll need a seatbelt to keep you from walking out halfway through.

RICHARD CROUSE

Goon

Genre: Comedy
Director: Mike Dowse
Stars: Seann William Scott, Jay Baruchel, Allison Pill

Mike Dowse's mighty hockey comedy splits the difference between Slapshot (gory rink violence) and the director's previous Fubar films (well-meaning boneheads trying their best not so screw up). Seann William's performance as a bouncer-turned-enforcer is a beautiful balance of guilelessness and thuggery, and the script gives him and the other actors plenty of space to breathe while still squarely hitting the necessary sports-flick beats.

ADAM NAYMAN

Donovan's Echo

Genre: Crime
Director: Jim Cliffe
Stars: Bruce Greenwood, Danny Glover

Donovan Matheson returns home after a 30-year absence and becomes convinced that a little girl is in danger. A supernatural murder mystery and strong performances carry the film's slow pace. Donovan's Echo will test the patience of viewers who prefer more realistic fare.

IAN GORMELY

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Haywire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:15-9:55
The Help (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-5-8
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25
Joyful Noise (STC) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:10-9:50
Man on a Ledge (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:40-7:45-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:20-10:10
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:30
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Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:40-9:20
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Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:45-7:30
We Bought a Zoo (G) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:40 Sun-Thu 12:55-3:40-6:45-9:40
Young Adult (14A) Fri-Thu 10

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The Vow (STC) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:40

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Born to Be Wild 3D (G) Fri 11 Sat-Sun 12 Tue 10
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Egypt 3D: Secrets of the Mummies (STC) Mon 11:15 Thu 1:30
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk (STC) Sat-Sun 1
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Heart Land (STC) Thu 10:15
The Human Body (STC) Fri 12:10 Thu 11:15
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri 6:30-9:15 Sat 2:15-7:30 Sun 2:15
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Tornado Alley 3D (G) Fri 1:15 Sat 6:15

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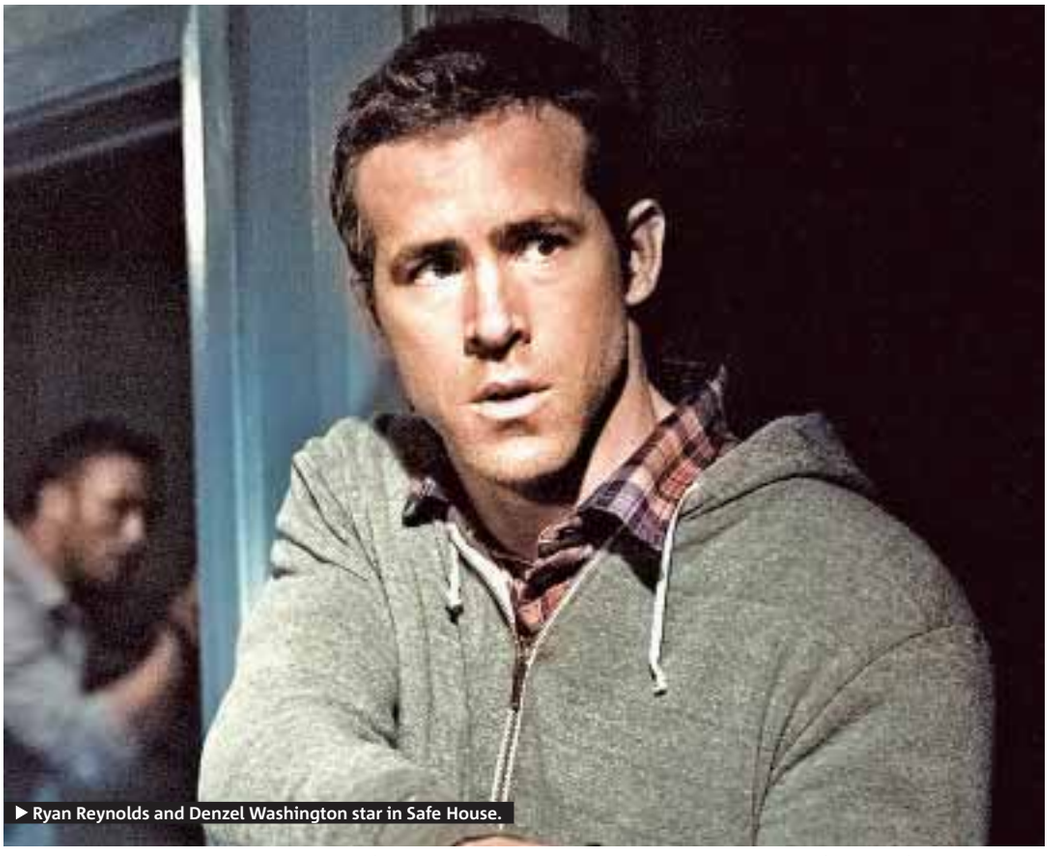

▶ Ryan Reynolds and Denzel Washington star in Safe House.

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Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace 3D (STC) Fri 1-4-7:10 Sat 4-7:10 Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon 4 Tue-Wed 4-7:10 Thu 1-4-7:10
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▶ Bobby Brown is looking to write a book on his ex-wife Whitney Houston.

Bobby Brown plans Whitney tell-all book

Friends furious at his attempts to cash in on her death

Bobby Brown is reportedly looking to write a tell-all memoir about his time with Whitney Houston — but it's not the first time he's had the idea, according to the Huffington Post.

"Back in 2008, the interest in a book on Whitney Houston wasn't that great. Whitney had fallen off the radar back then," a source says.

"But now, following her tragic death, the market has changed. Now is the time for a book that details an honest look into the life of Whitney."

Friends of the late singer aren't surprised by Brown's supposed interest.

"This is a man who left his ex-wife's funeral because he didn't like his seats and went to a paying gig that night," one pal says.

"He didn't get on stage that night because he needed to sing his greatest hits or because Whitney would have wanted him to entertain his fans, he did it to get a paycheck — the same reason he now wants to write a tell-all book," the source said.

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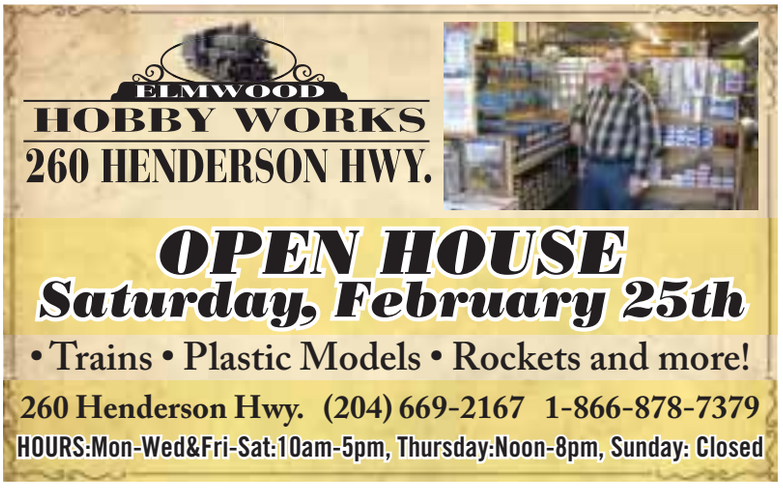

Classy take on Oscar bites

Many Academy Award parties offer themed dishes ◗ Try sophisticated Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites instead ◗ If you want a theme, serve beverages inspired by best picture nominees

Toasting the nominees

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I've been addicted to the Academy Awards show since I stayed up past my bedtime to watch The Godfather Part II beat The Towering Inferno for best picture in 1974 (I'm still shocked).

This year, I'm celebrating what's proved to be a pretty good year for movies by coming up with a liquid match for the front runners vying for the top prize this Sunday.

The Artist
What the heck? A black and white silent film from France is this year's best bet for Best Picture? Its late '20s setting made me thirsty for an ice cold martini made with France's best know neutral spirit Grey Goose Vodka ($44.99 - $49.99). Shaken, not stirred, of course.

The Descendants
Alexander Payne directed the now classic wine-themed Sideways. Celebrate his latest masterpiece (and George Clooney's great performance) with anything but merlot. Think a food friendly, Californian red like Robert Mondavi's 2008 Private Selection Pinot Noir ($15.95 - $19.99). My money is on The Descendants to win.

The Help
This excellent ensemble piece is set in the southern USA during the days when the Civil Rights movement was just getting going. American whisky is the tipple of choice in that part of the world so reach for a chilled shot of Maker's Mark Bourbon ($35.95 - $39.99). Scared of bourbon sans mix? Make the south's most famous cocktail: The mint julep.

Midnight In Paris
An American in Paris travels back in time to the City of Lights' heyday. Toast the return of Woody Allen with the old school, fruit -forward goodness of Georges Duboeuf's 2010 Brouilly ($15.78 - $22.49) from France's Beaujolais region. Baguette, optional.

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▶ This recipe makes 24 bites.

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The Academy Awards is a pretty elaborate affair. So why not make your party just as fancy with these Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites.

The lemon works well to balance the smoked salmon.

Look for the little cups in grocery store shelves around the deli or in the cracker aisle.

These are also just as delicious on kettle chips for a quick change.

Smoked Salmon Oscar Bites

Preparation:

1. Using electric hand mixer, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in horseradish, shallot, capers, garlic, lemon rind and juice until smooth.
2. Place croustade cups onto serving platter and pipe or dollop a small amount of the mixture into cups.
3. Cut smoked salmon into thin strips and place decoratively on top of cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with chives before serving.

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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) horseradish
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced shallot
- 2 tsp (10 mL) minced capers
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon rind
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1 box (40 g) siljans croustade cups
- 1 pkg (85 g) sliced smoked salmon
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh chives

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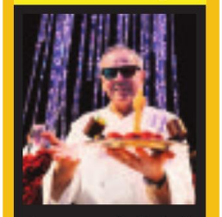
Star dining



Governors Ball chef Wolfgang Puck has once again created a delicious array of dishes for the stars to dine on following the 84th Academy Awards.

This year, instead of a formal sit-down dinner, the chef will offer 50 dishes for a buffet-style event.

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No deadline desperation in Winnipeg

As they flirt with their second playoff berth in franchise history, the Winnipeg Jets are expected to stay the course with their roster.

Coach Claude Noel says his team has met expectations so far this season.

"I didn't for one second think it would be easy," Noel said. "I thought we'd be in this battle just like this."

Noel says a trip to the playoffs could help in the young club's development.

"To me the value of making the playoffs is winning a round in the playoffs," he said. "That's really the important part of it. If you can, that's no easy task. That's the lesson you want your young players to learn."

Noel says the organization is happy with the way a bunch of relatively unknown Atlanta Thrashers have become a tightly knit squad that feeds off their rabid new fanbase in Winnipeg.

There are underperformers such as Eric Fehr who might be removed without upsetting the team chemistry and pending free agents like Jim Slater, Kyle Wellwood, Tim Stapleton and Johnny Oduya, but the Jets need their offence.

They may be building for the future, but a taste of playoff hockey is hard to turn down. Expect a continued push from the Jets, just not a big splash come Monday.

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▶ Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos is upended by Kyle Wellwood.

Captain leads the way

Ladd helps Jets claim division's top spot with goal and two assists

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JETS	1	0	3
LIGHTNING	0	1	0

Andrew Ladd scored a goal and added two assists as the Winnipeg Jets jumped up the NHL standings with a 4-3 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday.

Tanner Glass, Evander Kane and Dustin Byfuglien all scored as the Jets (30-26-7) vaulted into top spot in the Southeast Division and third in the Eastern Conference with 67 points.

Their leap up the standings was helped by Toronto's loss (65 points) to San Jose and Minnesota's shootout win over Florida (66 points) on Thursday.

Steven Stamkos recorded his 43rd goal of the season and added a pair of assists for Tampa (27-27-6). Teddy Purcell and Martin St. Louis also scored for the Lightning in the third period. Purcell added two assists.

The Lightning scored three goals in the third period, but still had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Jets goalie Ondrej Pavelec stopped 22 shots.

Mathieu Garon started in net for Tampa Bay, but was replaced by Dwayne Roloson at 2:48 of the second after giving up his fourth goal on 18 shots. Roloson stopped all 16 shots he faced.

Ladd started the scoring at 7:11 of the first period when he took a pass from Bryan Little in the high slot and put a shot above Garon's blocker.

It was Ladd's 20th goal of the season and extended his points streak to four games with four goals and four assists.

Glass made it 2-0 for Winnipeg at 14:59 of the first when he poked the puck in during a scramble in front of Garon.

A pair of goals 72 seconds apart in the second period by Kane and Byfuglien widened the gap to 4-0 and sent Garon to the bench.

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Sports in brief

1 National League MVP Ryan Braun's 50-game suspension was overturned Thursday by baseball arbitrator Shyam Das.

2 The Columbus Blue Jackets traded centre Jeff Carter to the Los Angeles Kings.

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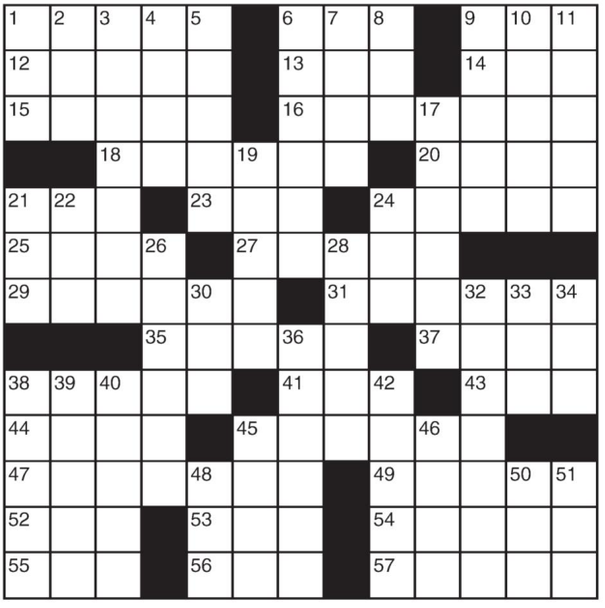

Across

1 Treaties
6 Morsel
9 Curved flight path
12 "I don't give —!"
13 Rhyming tribute
14 Feathery neckwear
15 Comic Sykes
16 Alluring attraction
18 Roughhousing lass
20 Eye layer
21 Swelled head
23 Emcee Sajak
24 Take forcibly
25 It may be a proper subject
27 Oregon's capital
29 Avenue
31 Mistreated
35 Destroy
37 Tear asunder
38 "M*A*S*H" clerk
41 That girl
43 Still
44 Basin accessory
45 Louvre or Prado
47 Free-runners' sport
49 Foreheads
52 Upper limb
53 Foreign policy grp.
54 Standard
55 Verily
56 Blond shade
57 Late

Down

1 Dog's foot
2 "Caught ya!"
3 Shape
4 Commotion
5 Postage
6 Colombia's capital
7 Without acting
8 Afternoon affair
9 Overhead
10 Libertines
11 200 milligrams
17 Grumbling sound
19 Sew loosely
21 Type squares
22 Obtained
24 "Charlotte's —"
26 New Jersey airport city
28 Great quintet?
30 Bobble
32 "Little Shop of Horrors" role
33 Away from WSW
34 Banned pesticide
36 House of worship
38 Settle a loan
39 Cognizant
40 Skin (Suff.)
42 Show to be false
45 Tousle, as hair
46 — Major
48 "Three Men — Horse"
50 Bankroll
51 Crafty

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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8	9	7	2	5	6	1	3	4
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strong women
Friends are gems. Family are forever hugs and kisses. Little ones need us even if they are not our own. Big high five to all the hardworking people out there trying to make a better world they live in. Its another beautiful day. Smile! **SAME CLUB**

you, i'd say everyrthing that i know just to see if it would show. but this time i just dont know. i wonder why your always in a good mood though. **BABES**

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
You have so many good things going for you that you don't need to waste time on schemes that are unlikely to ever come true.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Life is too short to waste time arguing over trivial things, so ignore people who try to involve you in fights that don't matter.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Your mind is forever on the move and at least one of your ideas is touched by genius.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Someone needs your help but is afraid to ask. You know who he or she is. Make the first move.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
The answers you get today may not be the answers you want but they are the answers you need to hear.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You are in a hole and no amount of wishful thinking is going to get you out of it. It is time to get practical.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
If you are going to make the most of your talents, you need to stretch yourself — not just physically but mentally, too.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
The planets indicate you need help today but you may be reluctant to ask because you don't like to be in anyone's debt. You won't be.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Think carefully before making major changes over the next 24 hours. You should be aiming for evolution, not revolution.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You need to be careful when dealing with both financial matters and affairs of the heart.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Some people are being unnaturally nice to you, making you wonder what they are up to. There is nothing they can do to hurt you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
There's a danger you'll end up partying with the wrong sort of crowd, but so what? **SALLY BROMPTON**

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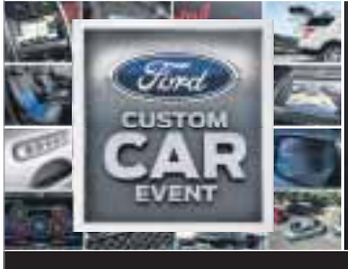

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*Optima SX model shown. Starting MSRP for 2011 Kia Optima LX (OP5418) is $23,450 and includes delivery and destination and fees of $1,455. Dealer may sell for less. See your dealer for all the details. LX horsepower claim is based on non-turbo gasoline 4-cylinder engines in its class. 2011 Optima awarded: Auto123.com Car of the Year – visit www.auto123.com for details/2011 reddot design award for best of the best – visit red-dot.org for details/2011 iF Product Design Award by the International Forum of Design – visit www.ifdesign.de for details/2012 Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety – visit www.iihs.org for details/2011 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration five-star safety rating – visit www.nhtsa.gov for details. 2012 Kia Optima awarded Car of the Year by Motoring 2012 for Best Family Car and overall Car of the Year. Visit *www.motoringtv.com* for full details. †2011 Optima Hybrid awarded: the Guinness Book of World Records for the Lowest Fuel Consumption, for the lowest fuel consumption in a hybrid gasoline vehicle while driving through all 48 adjoining U.S. states. KIA is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.